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Mr. Joe Yun
Department of Water Resources, DIRWM
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento CA. 94236-001

Dear Mr. Yun:

I am very pleased to see that the Gateway IRWM Region's planning grant application has been recommended for funding under Proposition 84 by the Department of Water Resources staff and want to express my full support the award of this grant to the Gateway IRWM Authority.

The Gateway Region is a tremendously diverse area of nearly 2 million people. Twelve of the twenty-six cities in the region are classified as disadvantaged. Accordingly, the Gateway Authority has structured its governing board to include officials from disadvantaged communities, water retailers and wholesalers, and water quality advocacy groups, ensuring that all stakeholders have a direct say in guiding, selecting, and participating in the decision-making process for both regional planning and implementation efforts. The funding recommended by DDWR for planning efforts will enable the Gateway Authority to efficiently and effectively coordinate a truly inclusive planning and Implementation process.

I am confident that you will continue to support the IRWM groups like Gateway IRWM Authority, which place disadvantaged community leaders at the helm of regional planning efforts and which continue to enjoy ground-level support from their stakeholders.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (562) 927-1200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Lara".

RICARDO LARA
Assembly Member, 50th District
Chair, Legislative Audit Committee